

## CAPTAIN SMITH BLAMED FOR GREAT SEA HORROR

Titanic Disaster Directly Caused By His Failure to Heed Warnings.

OF ICEBERGS AHEAD

Senator Smith Also in Speech Blames Captain Lord for Loss of Life.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—Blame for the Titanic disaster is chargeable directly to the failure of the dead Captain Smith to heed repeated warnings of icebergs ahead, but responsibility for unnecessary loss of life must be shared by Captain Lord of the steamship, Californian through his disregard of distress signals. This is the finding of the Senate committee which investigated the sinking of the Titanic, as prepared in a comprehensive speech delivered by William Alden Smith, of Michigan, chairman of the committee, today.

Senator Smith declared that responsibility also rested upon the British Board of Trade, "to whose laxity of regulation, and hasty inspection, the world is largely indebted for the awful fatality." In denouncing Captain Lord, of the Californian, the senator said the Titanic's distress signals were plainly seen from the deck of his vessel a short distance away.

America will leave to England the chastisement of those guilty, asserted the senator, and he quoted British law to show that Captain Lord might be prosecuted for a misdemeanor.

Other conclusions presented, in brief, were as follows:

Before the Titanic departed on her maiden voyage there were no sufficient tests of boilers, bulkheads, equipment or signal devices.

Officers and crew were strangers to each other and not familiar with the ship's implements of tools, and no drill or station practice took place and no helpful discipline prevailed.

The speed of the Titanic was 24 1/2 miles an hour at the time of the accident, although officers of the Titanic had been advised of the presence of icebergs by the steamships Baltic, America and Californian.

Passengers were not advised of danger, although President Ismay, of the White Star Line, who was taking the vessel's maiden voyage, was informed. No general alarm was given nor any organized system of safety undertaken.

Of the 1,324 passengers and 899 members of the crew on board, there was room in the lifeboats for only 1,176 persons, and because of the lack of orderly discipline the boats took off only 704 persons, twelve being rescued from the water.

Officers of the White Star Line "battled with the truth" after receiving information from their Montreal office Monday morning following the accident.

Senator Smith condemned antiquated shipping laws and overripe administrative boards" and asked that all nations act together in shipbuilding reforms. "New laws," he said, "will best testify to our affection for the dead."

Captain Dostron, of the rescue ship, Carpathia, was praised by Senator Smith and he urged that Congress recognize his valor.

"When the crisis came a state of absolute unpreparedness stifled both passengers and crew and, in their despair, the ship went down, carrying as needless a sacrifice of noble women and brave men as ever clustered about the Judgment Seat in any single moment of passing time."

"The Titanic rushed onward on her true course—one recognized as appropriate and agreed upon by mariners as the international highway for westbound vessels, yet dangerous at this season of the year, when the Labrador current may be bearing vast masses of ice across the track of ships—scores of these towering glaciers planted themselves in the very pathway of this ship and were so large and so numerous that in the absence of fog, they should have been easily discernible by the lookout, if, as he says in his testimony, he had been supplied with glasses."

"Captain Smith knew the sea and his clear eye and steady hand had often guided his ship through dangerous paths; for forty years storms

## MAN IS ACCUSED OF POISONING BOY

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sought in vain to vex him or menace his craft. His indifference to danger was one of the direct and contributing causes of this unnecessary tragedy, while his own willingness to die was the exulting evidence of his fitness to live; those of us who knew him well—not in anger, but in sorrow—file one specific charge against him, overconfidence and neglect to heed the oft-repeated warnings of his friends; but, in his horrible dismay, when his brain was a mere with honest retribution, we can still see in his manly bearing and his tender solicitude for the safety of women and little children, some traces of his lofty spirit.

"The mystery of his indifference to danger, when other and less pretensions vessels doubled their lookout or stopped their engines, finds no reasonable hypothesis in conjecture or speculation."

Concerning the conduct of the ship's officers, Senator Smith said:

"Haphazard, they rushed by one another, on staircase and in hallway, while men of self control gathered here and there about the decks, helplessly staring at one another or giving encouragement to those less courageous than themselves. Lifeboats were finally adjusted to all and the lifeboats were cleared away, and although strangely insufficient in number, were only partially loaded and in all instances unprovided with compasses and only three of them had lamps. They were manned so badly that in the absence of prompt relief, they would have failed easy victims to the advancing ice floe, nearly thirty miles in width and rising sixteen feet above the surface of the water. Their danger would have been as great as if they had remained on the deck of the broken hull, and if the sea had risen those tiny targets with over 700 evicted people would have been helplessly tossed about upon the waves without food or water."

"When the world weeps together over a common loss," said Senator Smith, "all nations should take steps wisely to regulate wireless telegraphy and see that operators are fairly paid." He condemned the "reign of silence" concerning the details of the disaster. In condemning the failure of the Californian to learn all about the disaster before the Titanic sank, and go to her rescue, Senator Smith said:

"The steamship, Californian, was within easy reach of this ship for nearly four hours after all the facts were known to Operator Cottam. The captain of the Carpathia says he gave explicit directions that all official messages should be immediately sent through other ships, and messages of passengers should be given preference. According to Binns, the inspector, the apparatus

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## HEAVY VOTE CAST IN JERSEY STATE

Polls at Primary Election Will Not Close until 9 O'clock Tonight.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 28.—Leaders of all political parties and factions today declared that the fine weather and great interest shown in the campaign will bring out a heavy vote in today's primaries.

The polls do not close until 9 o'clock tonight so the commuter vote may be cast.

### GETS A MEDAL

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Senate today passed a joint resolution extending thanks to Captain Rostrom of the Carpathia for the rescue of the Titanic's passengers and voted him a medal.

### AXE USED IN FIGHT.

John Kolinski, a foreign miner of Farnum, is in jail here awaiting a hearing before a justice of the peace on a charge of feloniously wounding a fellow countryman with an axe Sunday night at Farnum when several miners had a free for all fight.

By Giving Him Poke Root to Eat for Horse Radish.

Accused of attempting to poison a thirteen-year-old boy by giving him poke root to eat for horse radish, Richard Bell, a horse trader of the Industrial addition, was arrested Tuesday morning by Constable William Post and was placed under a bond of \$500 by Justice G. H. Gordon for his appearance Friday in the justice's court for a hearing.

The boy who is alleged to have been the victim of the attempted poisoning is Dorsey Howell, son of Mrs. Lucy Howell, of the same suburb. Mrs. Howell swore out a warrant against Bell. She says Bell gave the boy poke root at the former's home with intent to poison him, but Bell declares the lad took the poke root by his own mistake. The boy was taken ill, it is declared, but not seriously so.

## DELINQUENT

Tax Lists Are Being Made Up and Will Be Issued in a Few Days.

Sheriff Percy Byrd and deputies are busy on the annual delinquent tax lists, which they will have made up June 1. Unpaid taxes should be paid at once so that the same may be kept off the delinquent list and also so that the sheriff will not be compelled to levy for them. Most persons are averse to having their names on the delinquent lists but the sheriff has no other alternative in case taxes are not paid before the time provided by law for issuing those lists. Again, it is a humiliation as well as expensive to have one's property levied on for taxes. A little time and attention to the matter now will save all that.

## ROOSEVELT'S MAN

To Make Nominating Speech Has Acute Indigestion at Country Home.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Controller Prendergast, who has been selected to make the Roosevelt nominating speech at Chicago, was removed today to his country home at Lakeville, Conn., suffering from acute indigestion.

### THREE PAY FINES.

Three men were convicted of street drunkenness and fined \$3 and costs each this morning in the police court by Mayor Frank R. Moore. All paid and were released.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Will Vote for Roosevelt in Convention and at Election Says Elliott.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Charles D. Elliott, adjutant general of West Virginia, who has been here several days attending a meeting of the national guard officers from various states for the consideration of pending legislation affecting the national guard. General Elliott was also a caller while here at the Roosevelt headquarters and gave the Roosevelt managers his assurance that West Virginia will stand by the former president in the convention and the election.

### NO APPLICANTS.

As there were no applicants, a civil service examination scheduled for Tuesday in the local federal building for positions as stenographers in the federal government service was not held. Provision will likely be made to hold the examination at a later

## WILBUR WRIGHT IS NOW ON DEATH BED

Physicians Use Heroic Measures to Save Life But without Effect.

DAYTON, O., May 28.—Wilbur Wright, pioneer in the science of aerial navigation, is slowly sinking at his home here and death is believed to be only a matter of a short time.

Heroic measures have been adopted by attending physicians but without effect. He has typhoid fever.

MAY 30

Program Will Be Observed in the Trinity Church on Brushy Fork.

The following program will be rendered at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church on Brushy Fork Thursday, May 30, with the public cordially invited and dinner will be served on the ground:

Song—By Choir.  
Devotional—John L. Harrison.  
Song—By choir.  
Address—Carl S. Lawson.  
Recitation—Irwin Pratt.  
Recitation—Virginia Long.  
Recitation—Francis Shuttleworth.  
Recitation—Susan Shuttleworth.  
Recitation—Ormen McKinley.  
Song—Choir.  
Afternoon:  
Song service.  
Recitation—Mildred Parks.  
Recitation—Ada Teter.  
Recitation—Herbert Squires.  
Song—Choir.  
Address—M. D. Teter.  
Recitation—Hopple Roy.  
Recitation—Florence Nutter.  
Recitation—Otha McKinley.  
Song—Choir.  
Address—James W. Robinson.  
Recitation—Chattie Lang.  
Select reading—Orma McKinley.  
Song—Choir.

## RUMORS

About Seating the New National Committee at Once Stirs Leaders.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—Rumors that attempts would be made to seat the new national committee here so they can serve on the Republican national committee when it begins its hearings of contest cases in Chicago June 6, have stirred political leaders here more than any recent move in the Presidential campaign. In many states where Roosevelt victories were pronounced, delegates chosen to the Chicago convention were instructed to elect new national committees. It has been persistently rumored for some time that efforts will be made by many of these delegations to hold meetings in the near future, elect new committees and demand that the be given seats immediately on the national committee to take part in the hearing of contests. If such a movement is started it will be directed against such members as Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Vorys, of Ohio, who are friendly to Taft's candidacy.

### MRS REED VERY ILL.

CHARLESTON, May 28.—Mrs. Reed, wife of Secretary of State Stuart F. Reed, is seriously ill as the result of a surgical operation. Secretary Reed, who was in the southern part of the state, has returned home and for the recent has cancelled his campaign engagements.

### STILL A HOTBED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—While the situation around Havana appears to be improving it is pointed out here that the province of Oriente, a hotbed since the trouble in Cuba started, seems to be no better.

### CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 28.—May wheat closed 1.13 1-2 corn 80 1-2, oats 55 1-2.

H. H. Watson, general manager of the West Virginia division of the Consolidation Coal Company, is here from Fairmont.

John A. Crislip, a former resident of the city here from Washington, D. C., on a business visit.

## MARINES ARRIVE AT CUBAN PORT

Transport Carrying 775 Men of the United States Marine Corps is There.

PROTESTS OF GOMEZ

Will Not Keep Them from Protecting Property of Americans There.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The United States is prepared to send marines into the interior of Cuba for the protection of American lives and property, where no Cuban forces are available for that purpose, even though President Gomez should protest.

OLAMANERA, Cuba, May 28.—The transport, Prairie, arrived here today bringing 775 men of the United States marine corps.

FIVE

Will Be Graduated from the St. Joseph's Academy Next Month.

The closing exercises of St. Joseph's Academy will be held June 13 and 14 this year. The first part of the exercises, the students recital, will be held Thursday evening, June 13, in the Centennial hall in which the students of the entire school will take part.

The graduating exercises will be held in the church of the Immaculate Conception Friday morning, June 14, at 9 o'clock at which time the five members of the graduating class will receive their graduating medals and diplomas. The exercises will be conducted by the rector, the Rev. P. H. McDermott, who after celebrating a high mass will address the graduating class.

The class this year is composed of Miss Nellie Gertrude Comer, Miss Genevieve Comer, Miss Louise Agnes Lattestetter, Miss Madeline Clair Donohue and Miss Nellie Gertrude Coughlin.

## DENIED

Is a Motion for An Injunction against Alleged Coffee Combine.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Judge La-combe today filed a decision of federal circuit court judges denying a motion for an injunction to restrain the alleged Brazilian coffee valorization combine from parting with coffee in Brooklyn warehouses.

## REPORT

By Senate Committee to Correct a Military Record is Favorable.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Senate committee on military affairs has made a favorable report on a bill to correct the military record of William Z. Norman, who is listed as a deserter because he has shot by the enemy during the Civil war while on leave of absence and consequently could not return to his regiment.

### J. IGNOTZ BOEHM.

May 31, 1912, J. Ignatz Boehm, the smallest turtle in existence, was captured by P. B. Gandy, one of Clarksburg's youngest explorers. In captivity less than a week, the turtle did fine until 6:30 o'clock p. m. May 27, when it died. Heart trouble was pronounced by Dr. James Shields as the cause. James Harrison will take the body to Chicago and have it preserved in alcohol.

### NEW POSTOFFICE.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The post office department has ordered the establishment of a postoffice in Logan county near the recently established office at Craneco. So far no name has been agreed upon for the new office, which will be located near the works of the Long Flame Coal Company.



JOHN W. CARPENTER

John W. Carpenter, of Salem, who is making an active and satisfactory canvass for the Republican nomination for the House of Delegates from this county, to be voted on at the primary election Tuesday, June 4, is one of Salem's leading citizens and one of the most widely known men of the county, the county being the one of his nativity and his business life having been such as to bring him in touch with all the people of the county.

Mr. Carpenter has always been a Republican and when a mere lad, only thirteen years old, he enlisted in the service of his country as a teamster in the Civil war and thereby helped to preserve the union and uphold the honor of our country's flag. Arriving at manhood's estate, he entered actively into the affairs of his party and has ever since taken an active interest and participation in the councils and activities of the party. He believes in its great principles as best for the county, state and nation.

While Mr. Carpenter has not written a platform for himself, he expresses the belief that the Republican platform, when adopted, will be big and broad enough for all Republicans to stand on.

No man in the county knows more about bad roads and the need of good ones than Mr. Carpenter as several years of his life were spent with strings of teams in the oil fields of Harrison and Doddridge counties, and it was necessary frequently for him to build roads in order to haul supplies to their destination. He is a strong advocate of good roads and purposes to support earnestly the best feasible ways of getting them at the least expense to the taxpayers.

While Mr. Carpenter was hiring scores of men in Harrison county, he was the first man in the county to advance the price of day labor to \$2 a day, and he believes that the workman is worth all he earns and should have the best wage possible to give.

Retiring from the teaming business, Mr. Carpenter has been engaged the last eight years in farming. Owing to the very bad spring season since Mr. Carpenter announced his candidacy for the House of Delegates, it has been impossible for him personally to see the many farmers and others of the county, but he assures them herein that he will appreciate their votes and stand for what they want.

Mr. Carpenter is a thirty-second degree Mason and holds the distinction of being the first and oldest of that rank in the county. He is not only a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem but also a worker in all the churches there. He has presided and made the presentation speech in the Salem Baptist church in connection with the Thanksgiving donation the last five years.

Mr. Carpenter is a man of wide business experience and splendid judgment, qualities a legislator should have. He declares himself a candidate of the people, by the people and for the people. Discussing his candidacy, Mr. Carpenter says that if he receives the nomination, he guarantees that he will be elected. He says the outlook for his nomination seems very bright and he has every assurance that his nomination would mean his election.

## TRAGEDY OCCURS OVER ITALIAN BOY

### TEACHERS

Of the Kennedy School for the Next School Year Are Announced.

Miss Kennedy and Miss Bradford announce that Miss Mary Musgrave will have charge of the first and second grades of the Kennedy school the coming year, with Miss Elizabeth Stanley in charge of the third and fourth grades. The choral classes for students will be conducted by Miss Grace Duncan. Miss Kennedy and Miss Bradford will be at the school on West Main street until June 3, and will return September 1, when school will open for registration and arrangement of studies, which will begin for the school year September 12 and 13.

Henry W. Elliott, a member of the firm of Elliott and Winchell, building of the Goff and other big buildings here is here from Cresson, Pa., on a visit of a few days.

Rupert N. Koblegard is here from St. Louis.

Woman Shoots Herself Dead and Man Follows Her Example.

PITTSBURG, May 28.—Mrs. Ralph Carmignato went to the home of her brother, Mike Fernando, in Beechview, a suburb today to get her son who had been living with Fernando and his sister, Rosetta. They pleaded to be allowed to keep the boy, but as she was leaving Rosetta seized a revolver and shot herself dead.

Maddened, Fernando fired three times at Mrs. Carmignato without effect and then killed himself.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Salvatore Paletta and Antonetta Murca, Francesco Dopto and Rosa Nocetoria and William Jacobs, colored, and Enna V. Stepto colored.

Frank Armstrong, of Washington, is a city visitor.

Orman Randolph passed through the city Monday night from Burns, where he will spend the week.